



## **SUMMARY OF DECISIONS**

**2022 CONGRESS**

**26 November 2022**

**Lausanne (SUI)**

## **1. VALIDATION OF ATTENDANCES AND PROXIES**

144 federations took part in the Congress, of which 123 were present and 21 were represented.

## **2. RATIFICATION OF NEW FEDERATIONS**

No new federations were submitted to the ratification of the Congress.

## **3. RATIFICATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S DECISIONS REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE INTERIM PRESIDENT**

The Congress ratified the Executive Committee's decisions of 2nd March 2022, which were communicated by Urgent letter 1-22 and read out at the Congress, including the appointment of Mr. Emmanuel Katsiadakis (MH, GRE) as Interim President of the FIE.

## **4. 2021 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee report for 2021 was approved.

## **5. 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT, AUDITORS' REPORT, APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS, DISCHARGE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OF THE AUDITORS**

The 2021 financial report, the accounts and the Auditors' report were approved.

Discharge was granted to the Executive Committee and the Auditors.

## **6. 2023 BUDGET**

The budget for 2023 was approved.

## **7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

Ernst and Young were reappointed for one year.

## **8. VOTE TO AWARD THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The organisation of the 2024 Junior/Cadet World Championships was awarded to the Fencing Federation of Saudi Arabia, in the city of Riyadh. The dates submitted and approved by the Congress are **12 to 20 April 2024**.

## **9. CALL FOR CANDIDATURES FOR THE ORGANISATION OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The following National Federations have announced a candidacy for the organisation of the:

- **2025 Junior & Cadet World Championships: Estonia (tbd), Mexico (Cancun)**

- **2026 Junior & Cadet** World Championships: **Brazil (tbd)**
- **2025 Senior** World Championships: **no candidate**
- **2026 Senior** World Championships: **Hong Kong.**
- **2025 Veteran** World Championships: **Tunisia (Djerba)**
- **2026 Veteran** World Championships: **no candidate**

## **11. DECISIONS REGARDING ATHLETES AND OFFICIALS FROM RUSSIA AND BELARUS**

The Congress accepted that the Executive Committee continues with its decision of 2nd March 2022 for the time being, while reviewing and reconsidering the situation in case of any new circumstances.

## **12. NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS OF HONOUR**

Following the proposal of the Executive Committee, which was submitted to the Honours Commission, the Congress awarded the title of Member of Honour to Mr. Jacek Bierkowski (POL) and Mr. Sergio Groupierre (ARG).

## **13. 2022 FAIR PLAY TROPHY**

The 2022 Fair Play Trophy was awarded to the following athletes:

- Ms. Sheila Liliana Tejeda (MEX)
- Mr. Zsombor Keszthely (HUN)

## **14. REPORT OF THE 2021 CONGRESS HELD IN LAUSANNE (SUI)**

The report of the 2021 Congress was approved.

# Summary of decisions

## CONGRESS 2021

### AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES

The texts below are applicable from January 1, 2023, unless otherwise indicated.

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*\*The following change is for the English version of the Statutes only.*

#### 5.7 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ~~CENTRAL OFFICE (BUREAU)~~

##### Preamble

The International Fencing Federation (FIE) is a non-profit making organisation which is subject to the laws and regulations of the country on whose territory its head-office is located. **The Head Office of the FIE is the main office for conducting its business.**

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\* Between meetings of the Executive Committee, the ~~Central Office~~ Bureau of the FIE is authorised to suspend or modify the Administrative Rules in exceptional cases in response to circumstances requiring an urgent solution. These modifications will become the object of a detailed report submitted for the approval of the next Executive Committee meeting.

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##### 1.2.6 d

d) As an exceptional measure, and in order to develop international Fencing in countries where a National Federation which is a member of the FIE does not yet exist, the member Federations, with the agreement of the FIE ~~Central Office~~ Bureau, may accept fencers from non-member countries, specifying in advance the venue and date of the envisaged events.

##### 1.2.7

1.2.7 All bans, suspensions, expulsions, or disqualifications ~~or other penalties~~ issued by a member federation to a licensee of the FIE because of the issuance of Black Card(s) or violation(s) of Codes of Conduct, Codes of Ethics, Disciplinary Codes or SafeGuarding policies of the ~~by a~~ member federation

or criminal infractions should be made known, as soon as possible, to the Central-Head Office of the FIE which will inform the member federations of the FIE by listing such sanctions under the Tab for FIE Documents - the Administrative Department. The FIE will ban, suspend, expel or disqualify such licensee during the duration of the penalty imposed by the member federation.

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## **1.5 OFFICIAL LANGUAGE AND WORKING LANGUAGES**

- 1.5.4 All communications of the FIE will be available in all three working languages.
- Each federation must advise the Central Head Office of the FIE in which of the languages it wishes to receive communications.
- 1.5.6 At the Congresses, people may speak in any one of the working languages and the Central Head Office will take the measures necessary to ensure that the participants can enjoy the benefit of simultaneous translation in the three languages.
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## **2.2 RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS**

- 2.2.1 *Rights and duties of member Federations*
- b) Each member Federation has the right to present its candidates for the different bodies of the FIE (see chapter 4).
- They also have the right to draw up proposals which may be submitted to the Congress (~~see~~ in accordance with the processes described in chapters 3.4) and 5.5.
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## **3.2 ROLE OF THE CONGRESS**

- 3.2.1 Each year the Congress receives the reports on the management of the Executive Committee and on the operational and financial situation of the Federation, the report on the accounts for the financial year that has ended and the report of the auditors. It approves the amounts of the fees listed in article 1.6, items 1) to 4) determined by the Executive Committee for the following season.
- It votes on the provisional budget.
- It approves the positive report of the auditors.
- Should the accounts for the financial year that has ended not be approved by the auditors, the President and the Executive Committee are dismissed from their positions.
- The Congress appoints professional auditors as auditors for the following fiscal year, which can be renewed. The report of the auditors shall be based on recognized international financial reporting standards.
- It approves changes proposed to the Statutes and to the Rules that are within the power and purview of the FIE and may discuss other proposals and requests submitted to it (cf.5.5).
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### **3.3.3 Proxies and mandates**

a) The right to vote at a Congress can be delegated to another federation. This proxy must be signed by the President, **Secretary General or equivalent** of the Member Federation, and the mandate can be imperative for all statutory modifications.

In no instance may a proxy agent have more than one mandate for another Member Federation.

b) The only valid proxies are those received by the FIE **twenty-four (24) hours** before the opening of the Congress, **except as permitted, within twelve (12) hours of the opening of the Congress, by the Bureau, in its reasonable discretion, upon showing proof of unavoidable delay in issuing of the proxy. ∴ the proxy must bear the signature of the President of the Member Federation.**

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### **3.4 AGENDA**

3.4.1 All the proposals **and requests** shall reach the FIE's head office no later than midnight Lausanne time 8 months before the opening day of the next Congress.

Any proposal reaching the head office after this date cannot be put on the agenda.

3.4.2 Any proposal presented **relating to the Statutes or the Rules** must mention the number of the article of the Statutes or the Rules concerned, the deleted text, the added or modified text, as well as the motivation of the proposal. Proposals that do not respect this form will not be taken into account.

3.4.4 At Congresses, for each point under discussion ~~the~~ **each president of a Member Federation or his/her representative, the Honorary Members each Member of honour** and each member of the Executive Committee may express their opinion no more than twice, and for a maximum of ~~three~~ **two** minutes on each occasion. **In addition, members of commissions, councils and committees concerned with the particular point under discussion may express their opinion once through that body's president or his/her representative or with the agreement of that body's president.** This restriction does not apply to the presentation of commissions' reports, nor to the replies to questions addressed **from the podium** to any of the above persons, nor to the right to reply to an accusation.

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### **4.3 ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

4.3.1 Members of the Executive Committee (according to articles 5.2.1 and 5.2.4 definitions), cannot be member of a Commission of the FIE, **the Ethics Committee**, one of its Councils or of its Disciplinary Panel. Furthermore, members of commissions cannot be members of one of its Councils, **its Ethics Committee** or of its Disciplinary Panel. An individual can only be a member of one of the following at any point in time - the Executive Committee, a Commission, **the Ethics Committee**, a Council or the Disciplinary Panel.

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### **4.7 SELECTION OF THE COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES**

4.7.1 Nobody may be candidate for more than one of the Councils.

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- 4.7.4 The FIE ~~central~~ Head office will submit all candidacy forms and joint documents about the Councils' candidates to the Executive Committee at its first meeting after the Elective Congress.
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## **5.2 STRUCTURE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- 5.2.2 Two members of the Executive committee, performing the functions of Secretary General and Secretary-treasurer, are appointed by the President of the FIE.

The Executive Committee then elects three Vice-Presidents from among its own members.

The President, the Secretary General, the Secretary-Treasurer and the three Vice-Presidents form the ~~Central-Office~~ (Bureau).

All the members of the Bureau, as described in Article 5.2.2, because of the official duties they are given, may not fill any other posts in the official competitions of the FIE, with the exception of the supervision of protocol.

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## **5.4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND DECISIONS**

- 5.4.1 The number and the venues of the plenary sessions of the Executive Committee is determined every year by the Executive Committee. Special meetings may be requested by the President, the majority of the ~~central Office~~ Bureau or the majority of the Executive Committee.

The agenda of the Executive Committee meeting shall reach each member of the Executive Committee at least 10 days before the meeting.

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## **5.5 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS**

- 5.5.7 The Executive Committee is responsible for planning, modifying and drafting the text of the Administrative Rules. ~~It approves the drafting of the texts prepared by the Rules Commission and the Legal Commission for submission to the Congress~~

- 5.5.8 The Executive Committee reviews all proposals submitted to the FIE for inclusion on the forthcoming Congress's agenda. It is responsible for deciding which are the appropriate amendments to the Rules or Statutes and determines which commissions, committees or councils should review further each proposal in preparation for that congress. It also determines which are the proposals that may be discussion topics at the Congress and those that may be assigned to a Working Group for further analysis. It advises the submitting National Federations of its decisions regarding these latter categories and the reasons for which the proposal has been so designated as a discussion topic or has been forwarded to a Working Group, details of which shall also be included in the Congress documents for information. For the structure, mandate and reporting of Working Groups, see Chapter VI-B.

- 5.5.9 The Executive Committee approves the Bureau ~~central Office~~'s proposals for new Members of Honour before they are presented to the Congress.

The Executive Committee in particular reviews and comments on the texts drafted by the Rules Commission and the Legal Commission for submission to the Congress.

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## **5.7 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CENTRAL OFFICE (BUREAU)**

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**5.7.2** All the members of the Bureau, as described in Article 5.2.2, because of the official duties they are given, may not fill any other posts ~~in the official competitions~~ at the World Championships of the FIE, all categories, with the exception of the supervision of protocol. In addition, the members of the Bureau may not undertake the role of Supervisor at FIE World Cup or Grand Prix competitions.

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## **5.8 BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TREASURER**

5.8.1 a) The treasurer establishes a very detailed and precise budget, with additional explanations if necessary. This budget is intended for the management of the FIE, President, ~~Central Office~~ Bureau, Executive Committee and auditors.

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## **6.2 STRUCTURE OF THE COMMISSIONS**

6.2.2 The commissions will meet within two months of their election in order to elect their President and prepare their working calendar.

- A Commission's meeting is valid only when the majority of its members are present. These meetings may be in a physical location or virtual (via teleconference, videoconference or any other appropriate electronic means), as determined by the Executive Committee. They may not however take the form of a hybrid meeting (physical plus virtual).

- When the meeting is held via electronic means, the identity of the participants must be verified.

- Any elected member may propose as President any elected member, including himself/herself. If a member proposes someone other than himself/herself, written confirmation that that member agrees to be a candidate must accompany the submission of the candidature.

- The candidatures shall reach the FIE Head Office no later than 00:00 hrs Lausanne time 2 calendar days before the opening of the meeting.

- In case of only one candidate, that candidate is automatically elected by acclamation.

- The election shall take place as near the beginning of the meeting as is feasible.

- Until the new President has been elected the meeting shall be chaired by the Executive Committee representative.



- Voting is by secret ballot among the elected members being present. The votes will be counted by a disinterested person from outside the commission and voting may be carried out by electronic ballot. No proxy or advance voting is allowed.

~~The candidate having an absolute majority of those voting shall be the president; if this is not achieved (3+ candidates) the candidate with fewest votes withdraws and a second ballot shall be held, at which a simple majority of the votes is required. In case of a tie in the second ballot (or the first ballot when there are only two candidates), the president will be the younger candidate.~~

- To be elected at the first ballot a majority of the votes cast is required.

If in the first round of voting no candidate receives the absolute majority of the votes cast, the candidate who received the least votes is eliminated and an additional round is organised.

If during the second round an absolute majority of votes is not obtained by a candidate, the candidate who received the least votes is eliminated and one or several additional rounds are organised until one candidate obtains a majority of votes or until only two candidates remain.

In this case, the candidate who receives the most votes at the following round is elected.

Should there be a tie between two candidates for two rounds of voting, the younger candidate is elected.

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## **6.4 MEETINGS OF COMMISSIONS OTHER THAN TO ELECT THE COMMISSION PRESIDENT**

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### **6A.2 STRUCTURE OF THE COUNCILS**

6A.2.1 Each Council is made up of ten voting members selected by the Executive Committee. ~~except the Fair Play Council, which shall consist of seven members selected by the Executive Committee.~~

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## **CHAPTER VI-B- WORKING GROUPS**

6B.1 FIE Working Groups are constituted by the Executive Committee to provide support and guidance to the FIE Executive Committee, its Head Office or any FIE Commissions or Councils and may be established to: (1) research an idea for improvement which may require analysis or tests, deal with special circumstances referred to it by one of those bodies or on its own; (2) because of an issue raised by the IOC, ASOIF or other external body with which the FIE interacts or (3) spurred by a proposal or idea presented by a Member Federation to the Executive Committee.

6B.2 Working Groups shall be established for a single or specific purpose that is limited in scope or in time, and which will be disbanded automatically upon fulfilment of its purpose or upon the expiration of its stated duration. The Executive Committee shall indicate the mission of each Working Group and the deadline for completion of that mission.

### **6B.3 STRUCTURE OF A WORKING GROUP**

6B.3.1 Each Working Group will be made up of experts on the subject matter of the Working Group and may, but need not, be members of the Executive Committee, Ethics Committee, Commissions or Councils. Members outside of the FIE bodies may include lawyers, engineers, professors, physicians, etc. who have expertise in the subject matter of a specific Working Group and can supplement the knowledge of those members of the FIE bodies. The individuals selected for the working Group shall

have proven expertise in the subject matter of the specific Working Group and confirm their availability to dedicate the time and effort required for the length of the existence of the Working Group. The individuals shall be free of any conflicts of interest regarding the subject matter of the specific Working Group.

6B.3.2 The composition of a Working Group should contain, whenever possible, individuals from each zone and of both genders.

6B.3.3 In the event of a member's death or resignation, the Executive Committee will replace him/her by another member, taking into account the above guidelines as applicable from time to time.

6B.3.4 Working Groups shall report to the Executive Committee which shall include at each Congress information regarding the progress of each of the Working Groups. To the extent that the work of a Working Group develops a proposal that affects the Statutes, Rules such proposal shall be submitted to the appropriate Commissions and/or Councils for review and comment before submission to the Congress for approval. To the extent that the proposal relates to the qualification system for the Olympic Games such proposal shall be submitted directly to the Congress for approval.

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## **7.1 DISCIPLINARY CODE**

### **7.1.4 d) [...]**

The FIE ~~central~~ Head office will assure that the suspension be brought to the attention of all of the member federations at the time it takes effect.

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## **7.2 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE**

### **7.2.1 *The complaint***

#### **a) Author of the complaint**

Any person, individual or entity, whether or not they are a licensee of the FIE, if they are personally the victim of one of the offences enumerated above in Article 7.1.7 can present a complaint, **in one of the FIE working languages**, before the Disciplinary Tribunal.

#### **b) Form of the complaint**

The complaint must be addressed to the **Administrative Head** Office of the FIE within **60-days two (2) years** following the incriminating acts or the date of their discovery. The postmark of the envelope or the reception stamp of the fax **or electronic transmission** establishes the time.

### **7.2.2 *Composition of the Disciplinary Tribunal***

The Head Office of the FIE will inform the President of the Legal Commission of any complaint filed with the FIE and the parties involved within ~~three~~ **thirty** days after the complaint, **the translation into the language to be used by the Tribunal of the complaint and accompanying documents are filed with the FIE Head Office.** ~~was filed with the FIE~~

In case of admissibility of the complaint according to Article 7.2.1, the Legal Commission, or a sub-committee thereof selected for this purpose, will within **7 ten (10) working** days after being informed about the complaint by the head office of the FIE eliminate those members of the D.P. who have a conflict of interest, either because of the countries represented in the controversy

or because of involvement in the incident in another role (e.g. DT, Arbitrage, etc.). It will then select the 3 members of the Disciplinary Tribunal by lots to be designated as the Tribunal, plus one additional person, also selected by lots, to be the alternate, who shall be substituted on the Tribunal if one of the 3 persons originally chosen is not available or shall be determined to have a conflict of interest which causes that person to be eliminated from the Tribunal. The Legal Commission shall designate the president of the Disciplinary Tribunal. Any member of the Tribunal selected by the Legal Commission shall have the responsibility to disclose any relationships with the parties and to refuse to accept any assignment to a Tribunal where there is a conflict of interest.

### 7.2.3 *The disciplinary Tribunal - composition, powers, obligations*

The head office of the FIE will send to the president of the Disciplinary Tribunal within ~~40~~ 30 working days after ~~the later of its creation or the translation of the complaint and accompanying documents into the language to be used by the Tribunal~~, the complaint, which was filed with the FIE.

The president of the Disciplinary Tribunal will, within 15 days, transmit a copy of the complaint ~~and accompanying documents, if any~~ to the person (s) being prosecuted therein.

A copy of the complaint is also sent ~~by the president of the Disciplinary Tribunal~~ to the president(s) of the federation(s) to which the parties belong.

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## **7.2.11 Paragraphs 2,3,4,6,8 et 9**

### 7.2.11 *Power of judgement by the Bureau of the FIE*

As a precondition to all such decisions, the president of the FIE shall summon the defendant and the Complainant(s) before the ~~Central-Office~~ Bureau of the FIE by certified mail, acknowledgement of receipt requested, one week before the meeting, specifying that the defendant can be aided or represented by a person of his choosing.

At the time of the meeting, the ~~Central-Office~~ Bureau shall assure itself that the summons has been properly presented to the defendant.

At the close of the meeting, the ~~Central-Office~~ Bureau announces its decision to the defendant and the complainant by certified mail, acknowledgement of receipt requested.

The duration of any suspension handed down is established by the ~~Central-Office~~ Bureau.

If the Disciplinary Tribunal orders a certain period of suspension, the administrative suspension ordered by the ~~Central-Office~~ Bureau of the FIE shall be included in such time.

The ~~Central-Office~~ Bureau will make a report of this suspension at the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee.

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## **9.1 LICENCES**

### 9.1.10 Change of Nationality for Licensees other than Fencer or Coach

a) A licensee, other than a fencer or coach, ("Licensee") who enjoys multiple nationality must choose which country s/he wishes to represent. The fact that s/he has represented one of the countries in any capacity implies that s/he has made a choice. If s/he wishes to represent another country of which s/he enjoys nationality, s/he must so advise the

Head Office of the FIE and thereafter s/he may only represent this new country and can no longer represent the other country.

b) A Licensee who has already represented a country in any capacity and acquires a new nationality (from being stateless, through marriage or through naturalisation) can represent his /her new country immediately. Application for change of nationality must be received by the FIE Head Office no later than 90 days after the acquisition of the new nationality.

c) No approval of the national federation of the prior country s/he represented is required.

d) Any change in country which a Licensee represents is definitive; no further change can be authorised.

e) In cases of dispute the Executive Committee of the FIE will make a ruling, which is not subject to appeal.

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## 9.2 FENCER'S NATIONALITY OF FENCERS

9.2.1 At the Olympic Games a ~~competitor's~~ fencer's nationality is set by rules of the I.O.C. to which the FIE must conform.

9.2.2 For official competitions of the FIE, ~~competitors~~ fencers must be strictly of the nationality of the country which they are representing:

a) The fencer who enjoys multiple ~~nationality~~ nationalities must choose which country he wishes to represent. The fact that s/he has fenced for one of the countries in an official FIE competition or Regional Games implies that s/he has made a choice. If s/he wishes to represent another country of which s/he enjoys nationality, s/he must so advise the Head office of the FIE and s/he may only represent this other country after an interval of three years from the earlier of the last time s/he represented the other country or ~~when~~ the date s/he advised the ~~Central~~ Head Office of the FIE regarding such change, during which he can no longer represent ~~the other~~ any country.

b) A fencer who has already represented a country and acquires a new nationality (from being stateless, ~~or~~ through naturalisation or through other means other than marriage) can only represent his/her new country after an interval of three years from his/her last participation in a competition for his/her previous country. Application for change of nationality must be received by the FIE Head Office no later than 90 days after the acquisition of the new nationality. The delay of three (3) years can be reduced by the FIE Head Office with the consent of the fencer's previous country.

c) The fencer who acquires a new nationality as a result of marriage may fence for that new country immediately, without waiting three years and without the approval of the national federation of the prior country s/he represented. Such application to fence for the new country must be filed with the FIE Head Office no later than the 1st of August immediately following the date of receiving the new nationality through the marriage. However, If the person receives the new nationality through marriage in July, they shall have thirty (30) days from the date of such receipt to file their application.

9.2.3 For the FIE competitions, fencers who are legally stateless or hold an official refugee status issued by the governmental authorities in the country in which they live, may compete as long as they are registered by the member federation of the country in which they live with approval of the FIE Bureau. Fencers holding refugee status shall be treated as nationals of the country of such member federation for purposes of these Statutes and FIE rules unless the Member Federation refuses to allow them to compete on behalf of

such Federation in which case they shall be treated as stateless, but shall not be permitted to represent any particular country in competitions, either individually or as part of a team, unless authorized to do so by the FIE Bureau.

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## **10.2 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, ALL CATEGORIES**

### 10.2.1 *Candidatures for a World Championship*

d) Should the Congress not accept this candidate or should no candidates have come forward at this point, the FIE Central Head Office will actively seek (a) candidate(s) to be presented at the following Congress pursuant to procedures to be outlined in the Administrative Rules.

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## **11.1 "CHEVALIER FEYERICK" TROPHY**

11.1.2 Every second year, in odd numbered years the Congress will designate a committee of 5 members, including one member of the Central Office Bureau, which will decide on the award of the trophy either to an individual fencer, or to a team or group of fencers, or to the member federation which, during the last two years has shown the most chivalrous and unselfish attitude and spirit of sportsmanship and Fair Play, such as to be an example to others in the future.

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11.1.5 In order to simplify successive presentations of the award, the federations are encouraged to notify the Central Head Office before 1 February of every odd-numbered year of any case which might deserve the attention of the awarding committee.

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## **11.2 DIPLOMAS AND MEDALS OF THE FIE**

A gold medal of the FIE is awarded to members of the Central Office Bureau of the FIE and of the Executive Committee of the FIE at the end of their mandate. Furthermore, the Congress may propose, each year, to bestow the gold medal on some personalities who have given the FIE exceptional service.

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## **11.3 MEMBERS OF HONOUR**

Persons selected as Members of Honour pursuant to Article 2.1.2 are presented by the Central Head Office with an international licence for life and with the gold epee of the FIE.

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## **Chapitre XIII**

b) Form of the complaint

(i) The written complaint, in one of the FIE working languages, must be addressed to the ~~Disciplinary Panel~~ Head Office of the FIE within ~~60 days~~ two (2) years following the incriminating acts or the date of their discovery. The complaint can be filed:

- In writing, in which case the postmark of the envelope, the date of the email or the reception stamp of the fax establishes the time.

~~— Via online form~~

The written Complaint must include:

- the full name of the individual or entity, the nationality, address and title of the complainant(s);
- the full name of the individual or entity, address and nationality of the person against whom the complaint is being made or the indication that their address is unknown;
- a summary of the facts of the alleged harassment/abuse/neglect, the objectives of the complaint; and
- the signature of the complainant; or

(ii) By using the FIE online complaint platform, in which case the complaint may either contain the same information as in the written complaint or may be anonymous in which case the name of the complainant should be eliminated.

- no signature is required when using the online platform.

The complaint can, moreover, be accompanied by documents, including photos, necessary for the investigative file.

Supplementary or new information can be communicated by the complainant at the discretion of the Disciplinary Panel.

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## MANAGEMENT

*\*The following changes are for the English version of the Statutes only.*

### § 1. 1913-1920

The Constituent Assembly of 29 November 1913 appointed Mr Albert Feyerick (†), president of the Fédération Belge des Cercles d'Escrime, as first President of the FIE

Mr Feyerick chose Mr Charles Cnoops (†) as his assistant; Mr Paul Anspach (†) as Secretary-Treasurer; Mr Sarens (†) as his assistant.

The activity of the FIE was completely suspended from August 1914 until the beginning of 1919.

At that time the ~~Central Office Bureau~~, as mutually agreed by all affiliated groups, continued to fulfil the 1913 mandate until the 31st December that followed the Olympic Games of 1920.

After Mr Feyerick's death, Mr Cnoops acted as President of the FIE from the 20th February 19

### § 5. 1933-1948

In February 1932, the Congress held in Geneva appointed the former Secretary General of the FIE, Mr Paul Anspach (H.M.) (†), President as from the 1st January 1933. He chose Mr Henri Langlois Van Ophem (†) (President of the Fédération Royale Belge des Cercles

d'Esgrime) as assistant, Chevalier Robert Feyerick (†) as Secretary-General and Capitaine-Commandant G. Bricusse (†) as assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

In July 1936 at the extraordinary Congress held in Berlin during the Olympic Games, the appointment of Mr Paul Anspach (H.M.) (†) was renewed. The latter re-appointed the members of the last ~~Central-Office~~ Bureau.

Because of the World War, the activity of the FIE was completely suspended as from September 1939. In August 1940, all the archives of the FIE were removed to Berlin by the Gestapo; it was impossible ever to find them again.

The Congress of 1946 in Brussels decided that Mr Paul Anspach's prematurely interrupted mandate would be extended until the 31st December 1948, so that the next ~~Central-Office~~ Bureau could take office normally on the 1st January just after the Olympic Games.

Mr Paul Anspach (H.M.) (†) chose Major Van Den Heuvel (†) (President of the Fédération Royale Belge des Cercles d'Esgrime) as his assistant. As Secretary General, he chose Mr Charles Huybrechts; Colonel Bricusse (†) was willing to carry on as assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

#### **§ 8. 1957-1960**

The Congress of Milan in 1956 appointed as President Mr Pierre Ferri (H.M.) (†), Honorary President of the French Fencing Federation, and former Secretary-General of the FIE from 1949 to 1952. He chose Mr René Bondoux as Vice-President, Mr Henri Dulieux (†) as Secretary-General and Mr Daniel Dagallier as assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr René Bondoux and Mr Henri Dulieux (†) had already been members of the ~~Central-Office~~ Bureau of the FIE from 1949 to 1952.

#### **§10. 1965-1968**

The Congress of Neuchâtel, in 1964, appointed as President Mr Pierre Ferri (H.M.) (†), former President of the FIE (1957 to 1960). He chose as Vice-President Mr Louis Bontemps (H.M.) (†), as Secretary-General Mr Henri Dulieux (H.M.) (†) and as assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Mr Edgard Mercier (H.M.) (†). Mr Henri Dulieux had already been a member of the F.I.E ~~Central-Office~~ Bureau from 1949 to 1952 and from 1957 to 1960.

#### **§ 11. MODIFICATIONS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE FIE**

In 1968, the Congress of Paris completely changed the articles of the Statutes concerning the management and administration of the FIE. From that time on, the management of the FIE was entrusted to an eleven member Executive Committee. This consisted of a President, elected by the Congress, a Secretary General and a Secretary-Treasurer chosen by the President and of the same nationality as himself (forming the ~~Central-Office~~ Bureau), and eight members whose nationalities differed from that of the President, elected by the Congress.

#### **§ 12. 1969-1972**

The Congress of Paris in 1968 renewed the mandate of the President Mr Pierre Ferri (H.M.) (†) for a further four years.

He reappointed Mr Henri Dulieux (H.M.) (†) as Secretary General, and Mr Edgard Mercier (H.M.) (†) as Secretary-Treasurer. These three formed the FIE ~~Central-Office~~ Bureau.

This same congress elected as members of the Executive Committee: Mr Charles de Beaumont (H.M.) (†) (Great Britain), Dr André Borle (†) (Switzerland), Messrs. Gian Carlo

Brusati (†) (Italy), Miguel de Capriles (H.M.) (†) (United States of America), Charles Debeur (H.M.) (†) (Belgium), Vasile Ionescu (†) (Rumania), Pal Kovacs (H.M.) (†) (Hungary) and Nicolai Lubomirov (U.S.S.R.) who with the ~~Central-Office's~~ Bureau's three members, constituted the Executive Committee presided by Mr Pierre Ferri (H.M.) (†).

The Executive Committee afterwards elected Mr Brusati and Mr Lubomirov as Vice-Presidents.

### **§ 13. 1973-1976**

The extraordinary Congress, held in Munich during the 1972 Olympic Games, renewed for four years the mandate of President Mr Pierre Ferri (H.M.) (†).

After Mr Henri Dulieux (H.M.) (†) had to give up his work in the ~~Central-Office~~ Bureau for health reasons, Mr Pierre Ferri (H.M.) (†) chose as Secretary-General Mr Edgard Mercier (H.M.) (†) (who had been Secretary-Treasurer since 1965), and chose Mr Emmanuel Rodocanachi (France) as Secretary-Treasurer.

The same Congress elected as members of the Executive Committee: Messrs. Gian Carlo Brusati (H.M.) (†) (Italy), Miguel de Capriles (H.M.) (†) (United States of America), Charles Debeur (H.M.) (†) (Belgium), Hans Drakenberg (H.M.) (†) (Sweden), Anatoly Golianitski (H.M.) (U.S.S.R.), Vasili Ionescu (†) (Rumania), Klaus Dieter Guese (H.M.) (†) (Germany) and Pal Kovacs (H.M.) (†) (Hungary).

The Executive Committee then elected Mr Gian Carlo Brusati and Mr A. Golianitski as Vice-Presidents.

### **§ 18. NEW MODIFICATION IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE FIE**

In 1992 the Congress in Paris further modified the Articles of the Statutes concerning the management and administration of the FIE. From then on the management of the FIE was entrusted to a twelve-member Executive Committee, consisting on the one hand of the President, elected by the Congress, and on the other hand of eleven other members, each of a different nationality, also elected by the Congress. The ~~Central-Office (Bureau)~~ of the FIE was to consist of five persons - the President, a Secretary General and a Secretary-Treasurer chosen by the President, and the two Vice-Presidents elected by the Executive Committee - all chosen among these eleven members.



## Summary of decisions

### CONGRESS 2022

#### CHANGES TO THE ORGANISATION RULES

The texts below are applicable from January 1, 2023, unless otherwise indicated.

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##### **o.18.4**

~~One~~ **Two** Refereeing delegates, one SEMI delegate and two Medical delegates are appointed by the FIE Executive Committee following the recommendations of the respective commissions.

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##### **o.21**

**1** The functions of the medical delegates include the strict and complete organization of the medical aspect. They have the obligation to see that the Rules are adhered to and cannot themselves decide on any departure from the Rules except in circumstances in which it is absolutely impossible to apply them.

**2** Hence, medical delegates:

- a) Verify the medical services and oversee their operation.
  - b) Supervise the anti-doping control.
  - c) Evaluate the medical situation and supervise the **intervention or recognized** treatment of any injury or **other medical reason** ~~cramp~~ in accordance with t.45.
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##### **o.23**

This supervisor is either:

- A member of a FIE Commission,
- A member of the FIE Executive Committee **other than the members of the Bureau,**
- **A member of a group of persons, appointed by the Executive Committee, available and experienced in the organization of competitions.**

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**o.29**

6 The age groups in veteran competitions are:

~~a) Age group 50-59: Must be at least 50 years old and less than 60 years old in the year of the competition.~~

~~b) Age group 60-69: Must be at least 60 years old and less than 70 years old in the year of the competition.~~

~~c) Age group 70+: Must be at least 70 years old in the year of the competition~~

a) Age group 40-49: Must be at least 40 years old and less than 50 years old in the year of the competition.

b) Age group 50-59: Must be at least 50 years old and less than 60 years old in the year of the competition.

c) Age group 60-69: Must be at least 60 years old and less than 70 years old in the year of the competition.

d) Age group 70+: Must be at least 70 years old in the year of the competition.

**Application** : during the test at the 2025 World Championships (not applicable in 2023 and 2024).

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**o.39**

1 The programme of the Veteran World Fencing Championships comprises ~~twenty-four~~ **thirty-six** events, ~~eighteen~~ **twenty-four** individual – ~~three~~ **four** categories for each weapon - and ~~six~~ **twelve** team — male foil, female foil, male epee, female epee, male sabre and female sabre (**two categories for each weapon and gender**). The programme must be arranged in such a way as to allow any fencer to participate in all weapons. Team events must be held on the day following the last championship of the ~~three~~ **corresponding two individual** categories of each weapon.

2 No changes of dates are allowed for any competition, after the release of the programme.

3 Each competition must be held in one single day, **except for team events for which the round of poules may be achieved the day before direct elimination** avoiding long periods of inactivity.

**Application** : during the test at the 2025 World Championships (not applicable in 2023 and 2024).

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**Urgent decision 2****o.41****2 Principles**

a) The Senior Team World Cup tournament is composed ~~of a maximum~~ of five integral competitions (through to the first place) spread, if possible, across all continents. Points will be allocated at the end of each competition.

The Junior Team World Cup tournament is composed of ~~four~~ **eight** integral competitions and points will be awarded at the end of each competition.

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**o.61**

**1 The entry of the names of the fencers** and all possible replacements, and the entry of teams, must be made via the FIE website 7 days before the competition at the latest (midnight Lausanne time).

For team entries, the names of the fencers making up the teams may be changed, by informing the organizers, up to the day before the competition, at the latest at the end of the quarter finals of the individual competition. However, a replacement can be made after this stage, and at the

latest at the end of the individual event, in the case of injury or **other medical reason** ~~illness~~ duly certified by the competition medical doctor.

## 2 Withdrawal of a fencer or team

After the closing deadline for entries, no named fencer or team may be withdrawn except for **reason of** injury, **other medical reason** or force majeure: the national federation must inform the FIE and the organizers.

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### **o.67**

1. In all competitions for which the formula includes a round of pools, these pools consist of 7 fencers if the number of participants is divisible by 7. Otherwise, the pools are of 7 and 6. In no case may the pools be of fewer than 6 fencers.

If, however, as the result of the absence of one or more fencers, one or more pools were to be reduced to 5 or fewer fencers, the **Directoire Technique** ~~organisers~~ must add to these pools one or more fencers from other pools of 7 fencers in the same round of pools, taking into account the initial ranking of the fencer(s) being replaced.

Depending on the number of participants, the pool round may take place over several rounds. The **Directoire Technique** must then provide for each pool round, pools of 7 and 6 (if applicable) in order to balance one or more pools in the event of fencers absent at roll call in pools of 6.

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### **o.87**

3. **Should one of the 16 exempted fencers** who had been entered **not present himself** to fence (cf. o.85), his position in the table will remain empty and his federation will be required to pay to the FIE a fine (cf o.31, table of financial penalties and fines) unless his absence is caused by circumstances duly justified as being outside his control.
  4. **The 16 fencers who have the highest indices after the round of pools** and who are thus exempt from the preliminary direct elimination table will take places 17–32, classified in the order of their indices (in the case of a tie on indices, the fencers will be separated by drawing lots).
  5. **The 32 fencers qualifying from the preliminary direct elimination table** will occupy places 33–64, classified according to their indices after the round of pools.
  - 6 **The drawing of lots and allocation of the qualified fencers in the main table (T64) shall be made at the end of the preliminary table in the presence of the Directoire Technique President.**
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## **o.101**

If a team does not begin a match they will be disqualified from the competition and thus will not receive any World Team Cup points, unless this is because of an injury or **other medical reason illness**, duly attested by the duty doctor.

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## **o.103.2 d) and 3**

d) Each team may request, before a given bout, the substitution of a fencer. However, in case of injury or **other medical reason, trauma** duly recognized by the medical delegate, the substitution can be immediate, even during the relay.

There can only be one substitution per team per match.

**3.** A fencer who has been replaced because of an injury or **other medical reason** may not fence again during that match. If both a fencer and the reserve, if any, are forced to retire, or if a fencer is excluded, their team is deemed to have lost the match.

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## **o.103**

### **1 Participation**

Each country may enter one team **per category (Veterans and Grand Veterans)** per gender and per weapon, thus giving a total of **6 twelve** competitions.

The teams shall be composed of fencers who participated in the individual competition of the corresponding weapon, but c.f. o.103.2 b below.

**2.** The rules for team competitions are applicable with the following exceptions:

~~a) For each weapon, the teams are composed of three fencers of the same nationality, one from category "A", one from "B" and one from "C", with or without a reserve for each category. A team cannot begin the match if it is not complete.~~

**Veterans :** teams of three composed of fencers belonging to either age group 40-49 or to age group 50-59, with at least one fencer belonging to age group 50-59, plus up to two reserves.

**Grand Veterans :** teams of three composed of fencers belonging to either age group 60-69 or to age group 70 and over, with at least one fencer belonging to age group 70 and over, plus up to two reserves.

Fencing mode is 45 hits relay described in o.99 with application of passivity rule at any bout.

The competition begins with a round of poules of 3 and 4 teams -established according to o.103 c) - and followed by a direct elimination phase according to o.103 7.

Particular cases depending on the number of teams :

- only 1 team: the organisers must inform all nations that there will be no competition at that weapon.
- 2 teams: only one match between these two teams.
- 3 teams: one poule of three followed by D.E. from an incomplete tableau of 4.
- 4 teams: one poule of four followed by D.E. from a tableau of 4.
- 5 teams: one poule of five followed by D.E. from an incomplete tableau of 8.

The losers of the semi-finals have to fence for the Bronze medal.

~~There can only be one substitution per team per match.~~ There can be up to two substitutions of reserves per match but must maintain compliance with the age category representation requirement.

~~4 The relay system is always applied. The three fencers of a team fence against their opponent of the same category. Each fencer fences his/her opponent twice giving a total of 6 bouts. The bouts are for 5 hits (5-10-15-20- etc.). Exceptionally, a relay may end at more than 5,10,15 etc. if a fencer scores a valid last hit of the relay and is at the same time awarded an additional penalty hit: in this case both hits will be counted; the maximum time for each bout is 3 minutes.~~

~~5 The team that first reaches the maximum score of 30 hits, or that which has scored the greatest number of hits after the expiry of regulation time, is the winner.~~

~~6 The order of categories for each match is established by the referee with the captains on the piste prior to the start of the match: The referee will draw lots and the winning captain will choose the first category in the order. The losing captain will choose the second category.~~

**Application :** during the test at the 2025 World Championships (not applicable in 2023 and 2024).

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#### **o.108.1**

c) For both Senior and Junior rankings, the ranking is rolling.

~~The first Grand Prix event of the current year cancels out the first Grand Prix event of the previous year and so forth for the remainder of the Grand Prix events.~~

~~The first World Cup individual event of the current year cancels out the first World Cup individual event of the previous year and so forth for the remainder of the World Cup events in the season.~~

~~The first satellite competition of the current year cancels out the first satellite competition of the previous year and so forth for the other satellite competitions.~~

~~The points allocated for a competition cancel out the points attributed to the corresponding competition in the previous season.~~

~~If a competition does not take place in the current season, the points obtained at the same competition in the previous season are deleted on the anniversary of the competition.~~

The competitions are numbered in order of the dates provided in the calendar and by competition category (World Cup, Grand Prix or Satellite events).

The points awarded in event 1 of the current season replace the points awarded in event 1 of the previous season and so on.

If an event is cancelled during the current season, the points acquired during the corresponding event of the previous season will be deleted on the date assigned to this event in the calendar of the current season.

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#### **o.108.2**

b) Points obtained in an individual **World Cup competition** ~~and a Zonal Championship~~ are multiplied by a factor of 1.

c) Points obtained in a **Grand Prix and a Zonal Championship** competition of the FIE are multiplied by a factor of 1.5.

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### **Urgent decision 2**

*NB: The English version of this article does not need a modification as it already mentions “best four results” for the junior team ranking, while it is not the case in the French and Spanish versions.*

### **o.109**

#### **1 Official team ranking of the FIE**

##### **Principle**

a) The official Senior team ranking of the FIE takes into account a team’s **best four results** in the Senior Team World Cup competitions, irrespective of continent, plus the Senior World Championships or the Olympic Games and the Zonal Championships.

The official Junior team ranking of the FIE takes into account a team’s **best four results** in the Junior Team World Cup competitions, irrespective of continent, plus the Junior World Championships and the Zonal Championships.

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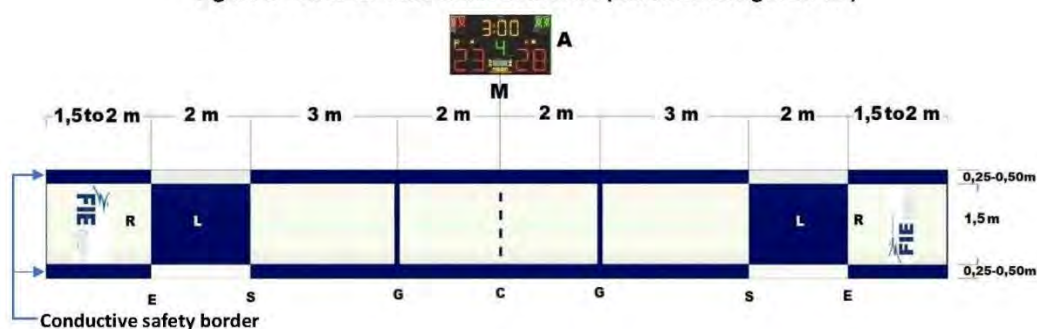
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# CHANGES TO THE TECHNICAL RULES

The texts below are applicable from January 1, 2023, unless otherwise indicated.

**t.18**

Figure 1 - Piste for semi-finals and finals (maximum height 50 cm)

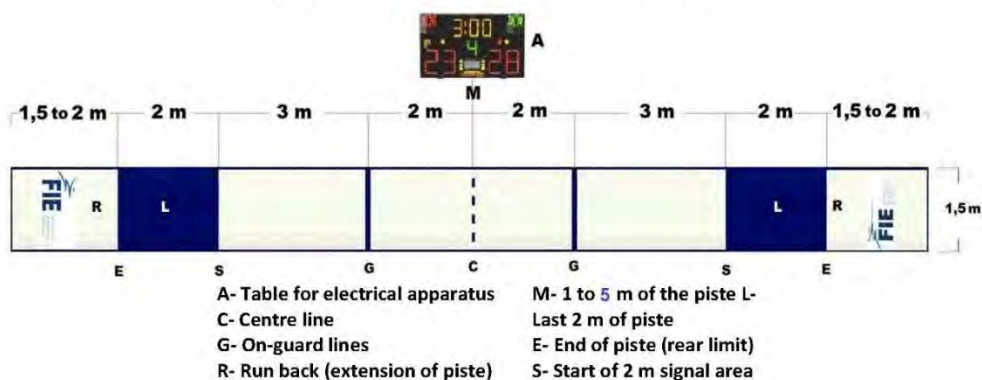


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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| A- Table for electrical apparatus | M- 1 to 5 m of the piste L-  |
| C- Centre line                    | Last 2 m of piste            |
| G- On-guard lines                 | E- End of piste (rear limit) |
| R- Run back (extension of piste)  | S- Start of 2 m signal area  |

For foil and epee the conductive surface must cover whole of the length and breadth of piste, including its extension (run back) (Cf. Article t.18, m.57)



Figure 2 - Standard piste for all three weapons



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| A- Table for electrical apparatus | M- 1 to 5 m of the piste L-  |
| C- Centre line                    | Last 2 m of piste            |
| G- On-guard lines                 | E- End of piste (rear limit) |
| R- Run back (extension of piste)  | S- Start of 2 m signal area  |

#### t.18.4

The distance between the score machine table or stand and the edge of the piste should be between 1 meter and 4.5 meters. Any slave score machine must not be placed nearer than 5 meters from the edge of the runback area.

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**Injuries and other medical reason**, withdrawal of a competitor  
~~cramp~~ **Injury or other medical reason**, withdrawal of a competitor

#### t.45

1. For ~~a any sport trauma~~/injury or ~~cramp or other acute medical incident~~ **other medical reason** which occurs in the course of a bout and which is properly attested by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his/her absence, by the doctor **and/or medical provider** on duty, the Referee will allow a break in the fight lasting no longer than 5 minutes. **Only the doctor and/or medical provider on duty can determine the length of time of treatment required when a medical time-out is granted.** This break should be timed from the point when the delegate of the FIE Medical commission or, in his absence, the doctor gave his opinion. This break should be strictly reserved for the requisite treatment. If the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, the doctor on duty considers, before or at the end of the 5 minute break, that the fencer is incapable of continuing the fight, he/she will decide that the fencer should retire (individual events) and/or be replaced, if possible (team events) (cf. o.99.6.a/b).

If the athlete retires and a medical withdrawal is determined, the FIE Medical delegate or, in his/her absence, the doctor or medical provider on duty must fully complete the FIE Medical Withdrawal form and submit it to the Directoire Technique for its inclusion into the FIE supervisor's final report.

All breaks for a ~~sport trauma, cramp, or an acute medical incident~~ **medical reason** must be noted on the score-sheet for the bout, the pool or the match.

2. During the remainder of the same day, a fencer cannot be allowed a further break unless as a result of a different injury **or other** ~~or cramp or acute medical incident~~ **medical reason**.
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#### t.47

2 ~~The Referee has many~~ Duties **of referees**:

- a) ~~He~~ **The Referee** calls the roll of the competitors (cf. t.114, t.118, t.119).
- b) ~~He~~ **The Referee** directs the bout.
- c) Before each bout, ~~he~~ **the Referee** must check the weapons, clothes and equipment of the fencers, according to the regulations below.
- d) ~~He~~ **The Referee** superintends the proper functioning of the electrical apparatus. Either on ~~his~~ own initiative or when asked to do so by a team captain or competitor, ~~he~~ **the Referee** implements tests necessary to check the apparatus and locate any faults which may be found. ~~He~~ **the Referee** will prevent the competitors from hindering the tests by unplugging or changing their equipment prematurely.
- e) ~~He~~ **The Referee** directs the judges, time-keepers, scorers, etc.
- f) ~~He~~ **The Referee** positions himself and moves in such a way as to be able to follow the bout while always being able to see the illumination of the signal lamps.



g) **He The Referee** penalises faults (cf. t.164).

h) **He The Referee** awards the hits (cf. t. 54ss).

i) **He The Referee** maintains order (cf. t.137).

j) Whenever ~~he considers it~~ necessary, **he the Referee** should consult the experts concerning the electrical apparatus (cf. o.28).

k) The Referee **should must** also supervise the state of the conductive piste; ~~he and must~~ not allow the bout to commence or to continue if the conductive piste has holes in it which might affect the proper registering of hits.

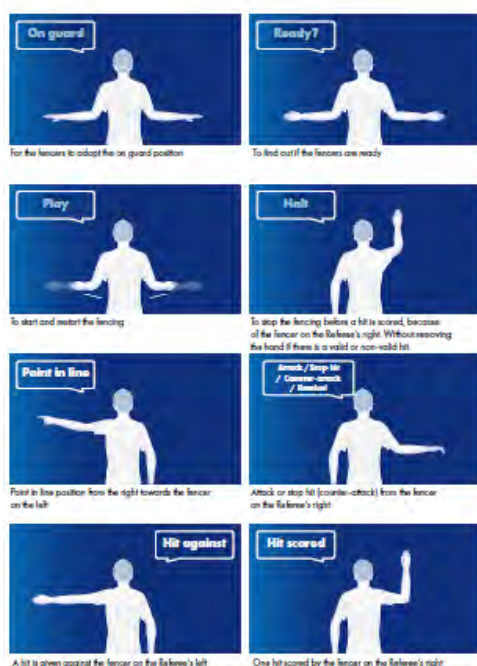
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## t.56

10. Hit made during or after a fall must be annulled.

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## t.63



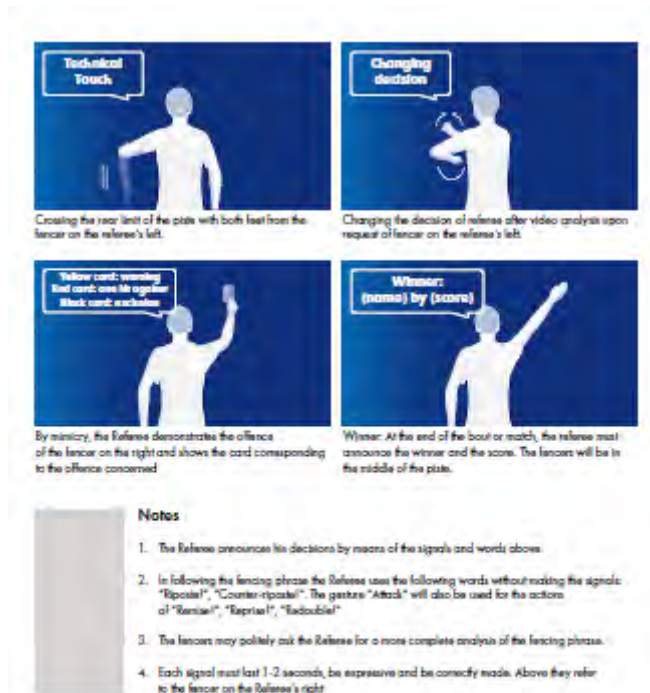


Figure 3 Referee signals and commands

### t.121.2

- 2 All bouts must preserve the character of a courteous and frank encounter. All irregular actions (fleche attack which finishes with a collision jostling the opponent, disorderly fencing, irregular movements on the piste, hits achieved with violence, blows struck with the guard, ~~hits made during or after an intentional fall down to avoid the touch~~) or anti-sporting behaviour are strictly forbidden (cf. t.158-162, t.170). Should such an offence occur, any hit scored by the fencer at fault is annulled.

### t.124

#### Unwillingness to fight (Non-combativity)

There is unwillingness to fight when there is one minute of fencing without a hit or without a hit scored off the target.

~~When one or both fencers make clear their~~In the event of **unwillingness to fight**, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!' as a decision of "fact" (cf.t.136.2).

Unwillingness to fight is sanctioned as follows:

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0.5	Unwillingness to fight: the sanctions imposed are shown by specific P- cards which are not cumulative with any other sanction awarded.	t.124	1 <sup>st</sup> time P-Yellow	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> times P-Red	From 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> time Penalisation
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## 1 Individual events – Direct elimination

P-yellow cards and P-red Cards are awarded ~~to each fencer separately~~ to both fencers simultaneously, starting with a P-Yellow card, followed by ~~two~~ a P-Red cards ~~and finally by a~~ The P-Black card is awarded as described in 1c) below.

a) When, for the first time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions ~~one or~~ both fencers with a P-yellow card. ~~as follows:~~

- ~~a) If the fencers are equal: the Referee sanctions both fencers with a P-yellow card.~~
- ~~b) If the fencers are not equal: the Referee sanctions the fencer who has the lower score with a P-yellow card.~~

b) When, for the second ~~and third~~ times, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions ~~one or~~ both fencers with a P-red card. ~~as follows:~~

~~If the fencers are equal: the Referee sanctions both fencers with a P-red card.  
If the fencers are not equal: the Referee sanctions the fencer who has the lower score with a P-red card.~~

c) When, ~~for from~~ the ~~fourth~~ third time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, a P-black card is awarded as follows: ~~one or both fencers who have already received two P-red cards, receive a P-black card~~

ie) If the scores of the two fencers ~~receive P-Black cards simultaneously and their scores~~ are equal, the Referee sanctions the fencer with the lower initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, with a P-Black card. ~~T~~he fencer with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the bout.

ii) If the scores of the two fencers ~~receive P-Black cards simultaneously, and their scores~~ are not equal, the Referee sanctions the fencer with the lower score with a P-Black card. ~~T~~he fencer with the higher score wins the bout.

## 2 Team events

P-Yellow, ~~and~~ P-Red cards are awarded to the two ~~each~~ teams ~~separately simultaneously~~, starting with a P-Yellow card and followed by ~~two~~ a P-Red cards. The P-Black card is awarded ~~to the fencer.~~ as described in 2c) below.

a) When, for the first time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions ~~one or~~ both teams with a P-yellow card. ~~as follows:~~

- ~~a) If the teams are equal: the Referee sanctions both teams with a P-yellow card.~~
- ~~b) If the teams are not equal: the Referee sanctions the team with the lower score with a P-yellow card.~~

b) When, for the second ~~and third~~ times, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions ~~one or~~ both teams with a P-red card. ~~as follows:~~

~~c) If the teams are equal: the Referee sanctions both teams with a P-red card.~~

~~d) If the teams are not equal: the Referee sanctions the team which has the lower score with a P-red card.~~

c) When, ~~for~~from the ~~fourth~~third time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, a P-Black card is awarded as follows: ~~given to the fencer on the piste of either or both teams which have already received two P-red cards.~~

i) If the scores for the two teams are equal, the Referee sanctions the team with the lower initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, with a P-Black card. The team with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the match.

ii) If the scores for the two teams are not equal, the Referee sanctions the team with the lower score with a P-Black card. The team with the higher score wins the match.

~~e) A team in which a fencer has received a P-black card may use their reserve fencer, if they have one and if the replacement has not already been made previously for tactical or medical reasons. If a replacement is made following receipt of a P-black card, no further replacement may be made, even for medical reasons.~~

~~If no replacement can be made following receipt of a P-black card (because there is no reserve fencer or because the reserve fencer has already been used previously), the team in which a fencer has been sanctioned by a P-black card loses the match.~~

~~Following the replacement of a fencer after the awarding of a P-Black card, the relay in question continues. Any further occurrence of unwillingness to fight results in a further P-Black card and the team in question loses the match.~~

~~f) If a P-Black card is given to the fencers on the piste in both teams simultaneously and neither of the teams can make a replacement and their scores are equal, the team with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the match.~~

~~g) If a P-Black card is given to the fencers on the piste in both teams simultaneously and neither of the teams can make a replacement and their scores are not equal, the team with the higher score wins the match.~~

### 3 In both individual and team competitions

~~In case of unwillingness to fight, it is up to the referee to call "Halt" as a decision of fact (cf. t.136.2).~~

a) The P-yellow (warning), P-red (penalty hit) and P-black (the possible losing of a bout or match) cards received during any one bout or match (during all 9 relays) are valid only for that bout or match. They are not transferable to the following bout or match.

No P-card (yellow, red or black) may be awarded in individual competitions at 14-14 or in team matches at 44-44.

b) In both individual and team competitions, fencers and teams who have lost the bout/match following the award of a P-Black card, will be ranked in the final results of the competition as having lost the bout/match. They receive the corresponding points.

c) In both individual and team competitions, the period/relay continues after the awarding of a P-Yellow or a P-Red card.

d) The minute starts again after each hit, each hit off the target, each hit annulled, each penalty hit and at the beginning of each period or relay.

e) The referee must record these P-yellow, P-red and P-black cards separately on the score sheet. The sanctions awarded for unwillingness to fight are not cumulative with any other sanction awarded.

f) In both individual and team competitions, if, at the end of the regulation time, there is equality of scores, article t.124 does not apply and articles t.40.3 and t.41.5 will apply.

**t.170**

0.5	Unwillingness to fight: the sanctions imposed are shown by specific P- cards which are not cumulative with any other sanction awarded.	t.124	<b>1<sup>st</sup> time</b> P-Yellow	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> times P-Red	<b>From 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> time</b> Penalisation
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<b>2nd group</b>			<b>1st offence</b>	<b>2nd offence</b>	<b>3rd offence and subseq.</b>
2.1	Use of non-sword arm/hand (*)	<b>t.29.1. t.30</b>	<b>RED</b>	<b>RED</b>	<b>RED</b>
2.2	Demanding a break for <del>claimed injury/cramp</del> medical reason deemed unjustified by doctor	<b>t.45.3</b>			
2.3	Absence of weapon control marks (*)	<b>t.73.1.a</b>			
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2.5	Deliberate hit not on opponent (*)	<b>t.55.3</b>			
2.6	Dangerous, violent or vindictive action, blow with guard or pommel (*)	<b>t.121.2 ; t.147 ; t.149.1</b>			

## CHANGES TO THE MATERIAL RULES

The texts below are applicable from January 1, 2023, unless otherwise indicated.

### m.1.3

3. The weapon should be so constructed that it cannot normally injure either the user or his opponent. All methods of treating a blade between the guard and the tip (button) **including the groove**, by grinding, filing, **heating** or other methods, are forbidden.

### Urgent decision 1

#### m.25.3.g)

For all official FIE competitions, ~~For the following events~~, the wearing of national strips (logos) is **compulsory** on both legs, optional on the arm(s) (~~cf. t.45.4~~) (~~cf. t.74~~), and All the logos ~~worn by any one fencer~~ must be identical.

~~i) Senior Junior and Cadet World Championships: all bouts, whether in a pool, in the direct elimination or during a team match;~~

~~ii) Individual Senior World Cup competitions and in individual Senior Zonal Championships: all bouts, whether in a pool or in the direct elimination bouts;~~

~~iii) Teams: Senior World Cup team competitions and Senior Zonal Championships: all bouts in every match.~~

The logos ~~They~~ must be **identical** for all fencers of the same federation. ~~for the competitions i) and iii) above.~~

### Immediate application

### m.28

**CONDUCTIVE JACKET ~~AND CONDUCTIVE T-SHIRT~~**

### m.34

**CONDUCTIVE JACKET ~~AND CONDUCTIVE T-SHIRT~~**

### m.34.1

The fencer must wear, over his jacket, a **conductive over-jacket**, the conductive surface of which must cover entirely and without omission the valid surface of the body above a horizontal line which, when the fencer is on guard, joins, round the fencer's trunk, the tops of the two hip bones. ~~At wireless sabre the fencer must wear a conductive t-shirt. The conductive part is made of a conductive fabric: the maximum electrical resistance between any two points of the electrically conductive t-shirt fabric (including both flaps for crocodile clip connections) must be not more than 15 Ohms. These checks must be carried out by a wireless equipment manufacturer.~~

### Annexe A, 3.2 TABLE II Chemical composition

Element Al (aluminium)

Al	<del>0.05—0</del>
Al	<= 0.05

### Annex A, Homologation process

3) The Manufacturer and the independent Institute of his choice should both send the laboratory compliancy test results to the President of the SEMI Commission, together with the request for homologation. The list of ~~only~~-specialized institutes approved by the SEMI ~~will be updated regularly and communicated to the Executive Committee. are CRITT, Denkendorf and IFTH for clothing (jackets, breeches and under-plastrons) and masks; and CRITT, RTM-BREDA, Sofranel and Visti for blades.~~

### Annex A, Weapons, 1. Blades, point 2

#### 2. General conditions

The steel used for the manufacture of fencing blades must have the ability to withstand high levels of exertion, a high degree of resistance to breaking and a low susceptibility to corrosion. ~~Please refers to the Standard table STM (European standard ISO) about the quality.~~

### 3.1 Table I. Mechanical characteristics

Rp 0,2 N/mm <sup>2</sup>	Rm N/mm <sup>2</sup>	A %	Z %	<del>KCU</del> KV Joule/cm <sup>2</sup>	<del>KIC</del> K1C <del>Mpay m</del> MPa	HV
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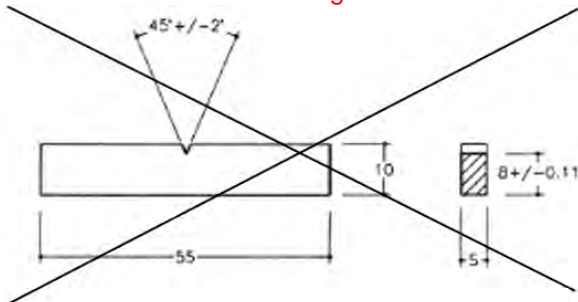
$\geq 1900$	$\geq 2000$	$\geq 7$	$\geq 35$	$\geq 30$ 27	$\geq 120$ 70	$\geq 500$
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**Annex A 2 N°4**

The manufacturers have to send to the Laboratories also a square bar of 25mm by side and with the length of 350mm.

**Drawing A.8 Remove text and design below**

~~Test device for tensile strength~~



~~The test must be conducted on ductility samples with a groove in the form of a 'Charpy V', with dimensions as indicated at the end of his annexe (Table VIII)."~~

**Annex A, 4.4**

**4.4. Test of strength at the fracture point, ~~K<sub>Id</sub>~~ K<sub>1C</sub>**

The K<sub>1C</sub> value of the steel must be measured by traction on a CT sample which has the dimensions indicated at the end of this annexe (Table VIII), made from materials subjected to the same thermal treatment as required for the blades, notched mechanically initiating a fatigue crack at the apex of the notch. The test must be conducted according to the methods indicated by the standard ASTM E 399. The value must conform to that laid down in Table I.

In cases where it is not possible to obtain a CT sample, the factor of increasing levels of dynamic loading (K<sub>Id</sub>) may be determined instead of the K<sub>1C</sub> value.

~~"The test must be conducted on ductility samples with a groove in the form of a 'Charpy V', with dimensions as indicated at the end of his annexe (Table VIII)."~~

The results must conform to the reference standards.



### **6.8. Alternate bending test (optional)**

To check safety conditions during the normal use of blades, the samples tested must be subjected to a series of alternate bendings at a frequency of not more than 1 Hz (1 Hz = 1 cycle per second), verifying that the blade does not break before:

- 400 cycles for foil;
- 150 cycles for épée,

when the cycles have been conducted in accordance with the method described above.

Not suitable for saber blades.

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### **6.9. Fatigue resistance test of Blades (by bending, etc)**

The test should continue until the blade breaks. For the result to be acceptable, it must be ascertained that the blade does not break before:

- 18,000 cycles for foil blades;
- 7,000 cycles for épée blades.
- 20,000 cycles for sabre blades

For the test to be considered positive it is necessary that at least 8 blades exceed the given values.

For sabre blades, it's mandatory that at least 8 blades break at  $\geq$  of 120 mm from the tip.

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## **Annex A 4 LABEL OF QUALITY**

**Pause, until Congress 2023, of the application and dates of the entire rule and the corresponding drawings.**

### 4. LABEL OF QUALITY

#### 2. Chip and label installation requirements.

From 01.03.2021, the obligatory chipping of new fencing equipment (jacket, trousers, plastron mask) has been introduced.

Both variants of the FIE seal of quality are acceptable up to and including the 2025/2026 season.

For the 2026/2027 season, masks, jackets, breeches and plastrons must have the new quality seal with a chip securely located underneath.

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## **Annex A, 1. Weapons. Blades, test and examinations 4.4. Test of fracture toughness, K1C**

Test of fracture toughness, ~~K1C~~ K1C

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#### **Annex A, 6.4**

##### **Test of strength at the fracture point, ~~Kid~~ K1C**

The ~~Kid~~ K1C value must be established by testing on the traction test samples ~~with a groove in the form of a 'Charpy V', with dimensions as indicated at the end of this annexe (Table VIII).~~

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#### **Annex A, 4, Label of quality and chip**

In the LOGO zone, the ~~name~~ brand of the equipment manufacturer is indicated in a label with the dimensions allowed from the Publicity code art. p.10.

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#### **Annex A, 7 - 7. Results of tests and examinations**

The blades, after the first homologation remain valid, under the condition that the manufacturers send the blades for a periodical test at least once every two years. **One of these tests should be made between 9 – 6 months before the Olympic Games.** These periodical tests have to be carried out at least once every two years in simplified mode.

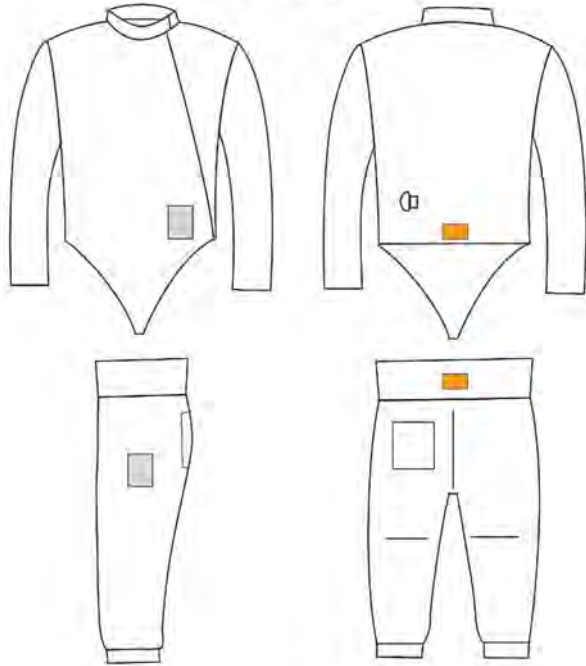
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#### **Annex A, 4 Label of quality**

##### **Chip and FIE label of quality location.**

Logo Label      Chip Label

Uniform



Plastron



Mask

